GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:73
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ONGOING ROBs/RUBs PROJECTS IN BACKWARD AND RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing projects for construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs/Road Under Bridges (RUBs) including backward and rural areas of the country as on date;

(b) the funds allocated for the construction of such bridges during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by the Railways for the timely completion of these over bridges/under bridges;

(d) the details of the new proposals submitted by the Government of Maharashtra and other States for the construction of ROBs/RUBs at the railway crossings during the said period; and

(e) the action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 73 BY SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.02.09 REGARDING ONGOING ROBs/ RUBs PROJECTS IN BACKWARD AND RURAL AREAS.

(a) & (b): Railway Zone-wise, the total number of works along with Railway zone-wise funds allocation made during the last three years are shown in the Statement attached as Appendix. Railways consider sanction of Road Over/ Under Bridges (ROBs/RUBs) in lieu of busy level crossings on cost sharing basis with concerned State Governments/ Road Authorities where the traffic density at the level crossing is more than one lakh Train Vehicle Units (TVUs) and otherwise on deposit or on BOT terms. Normally, in such cases, the proposals are sponsored by concerned State Government/Road Authorities duly fulfilling certain stipulated preliminary pre-requisites.For cost-sharing works, the State Government/ Road Authorities are required to submit the following main undertakings, along with the proposal:

(i) The level crossing shall be closed by State Government/ Road Authorities on commissioning of ROB/RUB.

(ii) The State Government/Road Authorities shall contribute their share of cost for work, generally 50% of the total civil works cost.

(iii) Advance action shall be taken by State Government/Road Authorities to acquire land for approaches where ever required.

(iv) State Government./Road Authorities shall assign due priority and make provision for the work in their Annual Plan etc.

Cost Sharing Works:

At present there are 710 works of ROB/RUBs sanctioned on cost-sharing basis throughout the country. On roads other than National Highways, the total cost of work is shared on 50:50 basis between Railway and State Government/Road Authorities. However, the cost of acquisition of any land and structures thereon required for approaches or diversions is to be borne by State Government/ Road Authorities sponsoring the proposal.

(c):
(i) Regular field review meetings with State Govt. authorities and road authorities of States and Centre for planning and execution of ROB/RUB works are carried out.

(ii) Railways supervises and executes the cost-sharing and deposit works for which 'workcharge' organization in the field exists for supervision, quality checks and timely completion of ROB/RUB works.

(iii) Zonal Railways officials are nominated to approve General Arrangement Drawings, Plans, Detailed Estimates etc., at Head Quarters' level, and to coordinate with the State Governments concerned to carry out timely project implementation.

(iv) Regular periodic review of sanctioned works at Zonal level and at Ministry level are carried out.

(v) Limited height subways and normal height subways at Railway's cost wherever feasible are also being considered, at locations where level crossings can be eliminated, where the State Governments are reluctant or not forthcoming to sponsor proposals for full-fledged ROBs/RUBs on cost-sharing basis.

(vi) Close coordination with State Govt authorities, Departments is maintained for early clearance, approval and implementation

(d) & (e): Firm proposals sponsored by the State Governments during the last three years received by the Railways fulfilling the requisite criterion mentioned against (a) above have been considered for sanction, whereas those being incomplete or not fulfilling the prescribed criteria were left out. The number of such sanctioned cost sharing works is given below State-wise for last three years:

State	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Andhra Pradesh	24	13	22
Assam & NE Region	0	1	0
Bihar	4	5	8
Chhatisgarh	2	2	1
Delhi	0	2	16
Gujarat	4	1	1
Haryana	2	15	5
Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	1
Jharkhand	0	0	0
Karnataka	5	1	1
Kerala	7	1	2
Maharastra	4	0	4
Madhya Pradesh	3	2	2

Orissa 0 1 0

Punjab 0 0 1

Pondichery 0 0 0

Rajasthan 1 6 7

Tamil Nadu 33 39 22

Uttar Pradesh 13 5 44

Uttarakhand 0 0 1

U.T.Chandigarh 0 0 0

West Bengal 2 3 1

Total 104 98 139

In case of Maharashtra State, details of the firm proposals received and sanctioned/approved,are as under:

Proposals received and sanctioned/approved 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09

Cost-Sharing Basis 4 0 4

On Deposit Terms 5 1 5

On BOT 2 0 2